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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM BEIRUT DATED JULY 12, 1978 SENT
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JERUSALEM IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SYRIAN REACTION TO LEBANESE SITUATION

REF: AMMAN 5842

1. MY OLD FRIEND ABDUL MUN'IM RIFAI'S ACCOUNT OF SYRIAN
ATTITUDES IS INTERESTING. IT NOTEWORTHY THAT KHADDAM SAID
SYRIANS WERE TAKING STEPS SARKIS WOULD WISH TO TAKE BUT WAS
UNWILLING TO AUTHORIZE. NOT SURE WHETHER THIS REFLECTS
KHADDAM'S IGNORANCE, OR BLITHE DISREGARD OF SARKIS'S
REMONSTRANCES, OR LATTER'S INABILITY SAY ANYTHING UNEQUIVOCAL.

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WHATEVER THE CASE, IT IS INDICATION OF LACK OF COMMUNICATION
BETWEEN SYRIANS AND LEBANESE THAT KHADDAM COULD SAY THIS
WITH, I PRESUME, A STRAIGHT FACE.

2. MILITIAS MAY WELL HAVE CUT THROATS OF THIRTY-FIVE
SYRIANS OVER PAST YEAR, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO SINGLE
INCIDENT OF THAT SORT, EXCEPT FOR SYRIAN SLAUGHTER OF

CHRISTIANS LAST WEEK IN JUNE. EITHER ABDUL MUN'IM
GOT IT MUDDLED, OR SYRIANS ARE EVEN BIGGER LIARS THAN
I THOUGHT.
PARKER UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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